

In the Claims:

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27. (currently amended) A garment suitable for one of athletes and motorcyclists, the garment comprising:

a jacket comprising a plurality of airbags to ensure an active protection of the upper part of a body of one of athletes and motorcyclists against one of trauma and fracture due to one of falls and impact against an obstacle, said airbags being associated to an inflating device activated by electronic means in response to the detection of one of risk and danger signals emitted by sensors;

wherein the jacket further comprises a front opening for access into and out of the garment by the one of athletes and motorcyclists, the front opening being in a position offset from a longitudinal centerline of the jacket toward a sleeve, the front opening comprising a curved line through a length of the jacket starting at a hemline and ending at a collar, the curved line being directed toward the sleeve ~~and being offset towards a sleeve~~;

wherein a first of said airbags extends from one side to the other of a chest above the sternum; and

wherein said inflating device is also comprised in the jacket.

28. (previously presented) The garment of claim 27, wherein the inflating device comprises pyrotechnics.

29. (previously presented) The garment of claim 27, wherein said sensors are incorporated in the jacket.

30. (previously presented) The garment of claim 27, wherein a second airbag of the plurality of airbags is arranged on a back portion of the jacket.

31. (previously presented) The garment of claim 30, wherein said first and second airbag are covered by flaps, the flaps being releasably joined to a remaining portion of the garment.

32. (previously presented) The garment of claim 27 further comprising a support means for housing the inflating device, said support means being joined to an inside of the jacket.

33. (previously presented) The garment of claim 32, wherein the support means comprises a belt.

34. (previously presented) The garment of claim 32, wherein the support means comprises a band for winding around the chest.

35. (previously presented) The garment of claim 32, wherein the support means comprises a strap.

36. (previously presented) The garment of claim 32, wherein the support means also houses said electronic means.

37. (previously presented) The garment of claim 27 further comprising a bottom portion for covering a bottom part of a body.

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41. (previously presented) The garment of claim 27, wherein the front opening comprises a closure.

42. (previously presented) The garment of claim 41, wherein the closure comprises a zippered closure.

43. (currently amended) A garment suitable for one of athletes and motorcyclists, the garment comprising:

a jacket comprising a first airbag to ensure an active protection of the upper part of a

body of one of athletes and motorcyclists against one of trauma and fracture due to one of falls and impact against an obstacle, the first airbag extending from a one side to another side of the chest above the sternum;

an inflating device associated with the first airbag, the inflating device activated by electronic means in response to the detection of one of risk and danger signals emitted by a sensor,

a front opening in a position offset from a longitudinal centerline of the garment toward a sleeve, the front opening being for access into and out of the garment by the one of athletes and motorcyclists, the front opening being, the front opening comprising a curved line through a length of the jacket starting at a hemline and ending at a collar and being offset, the curved line being directed toward the sleeve towards a sleeve;

a zip fastener disposed in the front opening for opening and closing the opening;

an inflating device comprised in the jacket;

wherein the sensor is incorporated in the jacket.

44. (previously presented) The garment of claim 43, wherein the inflating device comprises pyrotechnics.

45. (previously presented) The garment of claim 43, wherein a second airbag is arranged on a back portion of the jacket, the second airbag associated with the inflating device.

46. (previously presented) The garment of claim 45, wherein said first and second airbag are covered by flaps, the flaps being releasably joined to a remaining portion of the garment.

47 (previously presented) The garment of claim 43 further comprising a support means for housing the inflating device, said support means being joined to an inside of the jacket.

48. (previously presented) The garment of claim 47, wherein the support means comprises a belt.

49. (previously presented) The garment of claim 47, wherein the support means comprises a band for winding around the chest.

50. (previously presented) The garment of claim 47, wherein the support means comprises a strap.

51. (previously presented) The garment of claim 47, wherein the support means also houses said electronic means.

52. (currently amended) A garment suitable for one of athletes and motorcyclists, the garment comprising:

a jacket comprising a plurality of airbags to ensure an active protection of the upper part of a body of one of athletes and motorcyclists against one of trauma and fracture due to one of falls and impact against an obstacle, said airbags being associated to an inflating device activated by electronic means in response to the detection of one of risk and danger signals emitted by sensors;

wherein the jacket further comprises a front opening in a position offset from a longitudinal centerline of the jacket toward a sleeve, the front opening comprising a curved line ~~offset towards a sleeve~~ directed toward the sleeve;

wherein a first of said airbags extends from one side to the other of a chest above the sternum, the plurality of airbags being covered by flaps, the flaps being releasably joined to a remaining portion of the garment; and

wherein said inflating device is also comprised in the jacket.